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25X1 9. [] Delivered to Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, copies of George Carver's Foreign Affairs Quarterly Review articles of April 1965 and April 1966. These materials were requested to supplement the IndoChina paper delivered to Mr. Preston for Chairman Mahon on Tuesday, 27 July. Mr. Preston expressed the Chairman's appreciation for the Agency and Mr. Carver's most helpful assistance.

25X1 10. [] Picked up a letter addressed to the Director from the office of Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.).

25X1 11. [] I returned to the office of John Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, the press clipping from the Philadelphia Inquirer of last Sunday, 25 July, relating to delay in publication of the Pentagon papers and left a message for him that there was no substance to the allegations concerning CIA actions.

25X1 12. [] After checking with [] OSR, I talked briefly to Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and told him that there is nothing surprising to the intelligence community about the number of new missile silos, but that until a test program is seen it is most difficult to reach any final conclusion about the silos. Mr. Slatinshek thanked me but said he would like to discuss the matter further when he had more time and that from his impressions of Committee briefings the present number exceeds the projections made earlier in the year.

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25X1 1. [REDACTED] Mr. Ward Thompson, Public Inquiries Division, Department of State, called concerning a letter from a constituent to Senator Alan Cranston (D., Calif.) which was forwarded to the Department for reply. The letter stated that CIA should be withdrawn from South Vietnam and seriously questioned the role of the Agency. Mr. Thompson stated that the Department could furnish no substantive reply to the letter. He wanted to forward the letter directly to us. I requested that he return the letter to Senator Cranston's office and if it was subsequently referred to CIA, we would prepare the reply. I thanked him for his call.

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I took the occasion to respond to a question Representative Bray had raised earlier concerning Soviet missile sites west of Samarkand.

In passing Representative Bray mentioned that the House of Representatives may be expected to recess early in the afternoon of Friday, 6 August. He will be traveling to Korea with Speaker Albert and the Speaker wants to get away as early as possible in the afternoon.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and delivered to him four copies of George Carver's paper on Indochina that was requested by Chairman Mahon. In passing Mr. Preston mentioned that the Chairman will be going to Texas during the recess and that he himself will be traveling away from the city for at least part of the period.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the following items: Sudan; Soviet "J" vehicle, Y-class submarines, new missile silos; drug refineries in the triborder area; ChiCom Luta-class missile destroyer construction; Egyptian MIG-21 aircraft in Syria; and low-level military activity along the Suez.

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